

# Assignment

**Summer Reading Project:** Please read the required book and one personal choice from the list this summer. Do not choose books that you have already read. After reading the books, complete a Book Review on both of the books and be prepared to take a review test on the required book upon your return in August. Projects should be typed final drafts that have been edited and corrected for grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Responses should be no shorter than 150 words and no longer than 500 words (about 1 ½ to 2 pages).

## BOOK REVIEW FORMAT

After reading the selected books, answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. What is the book's title and who is the author?
2. Where and when does the book take place?
3. What is the genre (adventure, tragedy, mystery, comedy, etc.)?
4. Describe the main characters.
5. Summarize what the book is about in two sentences.
6. What is the theme, or main idea of the story? (Example: One theme of Huckleberry Finn is the struggle between freedom and slavery.)
7. What kind of person might enjoy reading this book? (Example: If you love coming-of-age novels, then you won't want to miss To Kill a Mockingbird.)
8. What is your overall impression of the book?
9. How does the title connect to the book?
10. If you could tell a character something that would help him or her, what would you tell them and why?
11. Which character are you most like and why?
12. Select three key events and show how each provided insight into a character's personality.

Use your responses to the questions above as an outline to write your reviews. Then, decide on a central point, such as: This novel shows how friendship helps teens cope with hardship. Use your central point for the first paragraph.

### Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Signature:

I acknowledge that I have seen the 2012 Summer Reading Assignment and will encourage my child to participate.

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Books can be  
found at the  
public library,  
Borders, Barnes  
& Noble, or on  
amazon.com

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Turn in your Journal(s) and your Assignments to your Language Arts teacher on August 20, 2012. The Summer Reading Book Reviews/ Reports will count as 5% of your first nine weeks grade, so please make sure they are COMPLETE and ON TIME!



## Middle School Summer Reading List

*Summer 2012*

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Middle School

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***Rising***  
**6th Grade**

**REQUIRED**  
**One Crazy Summer**  
by Rita Williams-Garcia

An aspiring teenage cartoonist and his friends come to the aid of a singer trying to save her family property from developers.

(Select ONE Book)  
Kira Kira by Cynthia Kadohata  
Heat by Mike Lupica  
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen



**R**eading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.  
~ Joseph Addison ~

***Rising***  
**7th Grade**

**REQUIRED**  
**One Crazy Summer**  
by Rita Williams-Garcia

*An aspiring teenage cartoonist and his friends come to the aid of a singer trying to save her family property from developers.*

(Select ONE Book)  
Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson  
Money Hungry by Sharon Flake  
Code Orange by Caroline B. Cooney



***Catch the Reading Bug!***

***Rising***  
**8th Grade**

**REQUIRED**  
**One Crazy Summer**  
by Rita Williams-Garcia

*An aspiring teenage cartoonist and his friends come to the aid of a singer trying to save her family property from developers.*

(Select ONE Book)  
Everlost by Neal Schusterman  
I Have Lived a Thousand Years  
by Lavita Bitton-Jackson  
Zach's Lie by Roland Smith